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Subject [TEA-L] T3 August Announcements

Hello everyone,

Thank you to all of you who attended or presented at the T3/Vision 2020 Leadership Conference this month. We hope you were able to learn from other grantees and share knowledge in order to make the second year of this grant as successful as the first.

Please read the following announcements regarding your T3 Grants.

Thanks!

#### **ARRA Reporting Announcement**

On August 9, 2010, TEA opened the Expenditure Reporting (ER) system to allow corrections to ARRA Section 1512 quarterly reporting data submitted for the quarter ending June 30, 2010. This correction period is provided to accommodate LEAs and fiscal agents that want to make revisions to previously submitted reports for the quarter ending June 30, 2010. No action is necessary unless the LEA or fiscal agent has identified data that needs to be corrected. Revisions may only be made to data submitted for the period ending June 30, 2010. **All corrections must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. Central Time, September 3, 2010.** For a review of Section 1512 reporting guidance and instructions, please attend the webinars found at [http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=5286&menu\\_id=934&menu\\_id2=941](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=5286&menu_id=934&menu_id2=941).

The fourth quarter ARRA Reporting deadline will be October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in conjunction with your Expenditure Reporting in TEA's ER system. Please be sure to check TEA's ARRA Stimulus webpage frequently for updates and instructions <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=4570>.

#### **Texas Education Agency Federal Audits of ARRA Funding**

There is a very strong possibility that all T3 Collaborative ARRA funded grants will be audited. Some of your collaboratives have already started the process and recommend that others have the following items ready in advance to make the audit process as smooth as possible.

Appropriate documentation for:

ARRA expenditure reports

Title II, Part D expenditures

Quarterly Progress Reports for the entire collaborative

Quarterly Evaluator Reports

Contracts

Shared Service Agreements

Amendments

Any survey results

Any documentation regarding monitoring of activities

Please feel free to contact [T3@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:T3@tea.state.tx.us) with any questions you have during the audit process.

### **Federally required State Evaluation Report coming soon**

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has been notified of a new requirement for a State Evaluation Report, covering Title II, Part D activities funded with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The report will be due to the US Department of Education from TEA on December 1, 2010. The reporting will be conducted by collaborative. Please be prepared to work closely with your contracted grant evaluators to ensure that this reporting is timely, accurate, and the information reflects the impact that the grant funding is making in your districts. The Educational Technology department at TEA is working to disseminate the reporting requirements and you will receive more information as soon as possible.

### **Third Quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports**

All submitted Q3 progress and evaluation reports are in the process of being reviewed and filed. It has been exciting to learn about the progress and impact that the ARRA funding is having on your schools. Thank you for all the links to pictures, videos, lessons, professional development, and success stories, as well as describing your challenges and how TEA can assist you in the future.

We will notify grantees via email if we have follow up questions or concerns with your reporting. If reports contained answers that were left blank or provided no details, they will be sent back for further information.

If you have failed to submit your third quarter progress or evaluation reports by the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 deadline, please do so at this time. Eligibility of grantees to receive future grants, including continuation grants, from TEA could be impacted by noncompliance.

### **Fourth Quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports**

Please remember that the fourth quarter Progress Reports and Evaluation Reports are due on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. They can be found on Project Share. Go to the T3 Grant group, then click Dropboxes, and find the "Progress Report Templates" and "Evaluation Toolkit and Files" dropboxes. They are also attached to this email. Please submit completed Progress Reports and Evaluation reports to [T3@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:T3@tea.state.tx.us).

### **Liaison Change**

Jane Nauman has taken a career opportunity elsewhere and will no longer be a liaison for the T3 Grant. Katie Oster will be taking on her liaison duties for the Waco, Killeen, Lewisville, Arlington, Williams/Peak Preparatory, Marshall, Irving, and Longview collaboratives. Please feel free to contact Katie by email at [Katie.Oster@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:Katie.Oster@tea.state.tx.us) or [T3@tea.state.tx.us](mailto:T3@tea.state.tx.us), or by phone at 512-475-0102, with any questions you may have.

### **Site Visits**

During site visits this spring, we had the chance to speak with administrators, instructional technologists, principals, teachers, and students and hear about the positive impact the T3 funding is making in their schools through extensive professional development and technology purchases. We look forward to planning more visits for this fall. Please be sure to let us know if there is a certain event or particular time that you would like us to visit your area to showcase your collaborative's hard work and we will try to be there.



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